

This is my mom's (James's) note

10 July  
Dear Mother, Oct 4, 1864

I am Capt. Henry J. Davis (James's wife)  
I may have been Dr. Davis's son (James's  
mother)  
I have been the old fire  
to keep in from July

James was wounded the 16<sup>th</sup> of August & while the company  
and just two weeks ago today was brought to the General  
Hospital here. He was wounded in his right leg right below  
the knee, the ball passing through his leg. He first shot (sic)  
the bone was not injured but yesterday some small pieces  
of bone came out from it -- so it is evident that the  
bone is hurt. The Dr. says his wound is doing as well  
as possible --- there is no --- of an amputation,  
but we fears he will have a stiff leg.

I struggled to decipher the above paragraph to the  
best of my ability with my magnifying glass -- I  
thought it might save you a little eye strain to  
penetrate it in for you -- a couple of words I'm not  
sure of...



Dear Mother James

Barrett Miss James  
Sept. 4<sup>th</sup> 1864

James will wonder what I am doing  
very well here in Jersey - and I am little

very very soon -

James was wounded the

16<sup>th</sup> of August - and I was with him

when he was wounded - he was wounded

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high I can't afford to stay long - I shall have three stories high - I am in the second story  
to pay six dollars a week - But I am very this building is full of the wounded - besides  
near the Hospital and can go in & out, in hundreds of tents around the grounds - the  
when I please - I feel very thankful that I have accommodations for 1000 men.  
is so well with us - it is better so - thanks to it is a very pleasant little town here - on  
the taken prisoners - or killed - & then I see the bank of the Delaware - the railroad  
so many who are worse off than I am - I am right past the B. & O. six hours ride  
from here to Philadelphia - the journey is from N. Y. 13 miles north of Philadelphia  
to dress it himself - he has had a pull back costs \$4.00 to come from home here.  
had chills & fever a few days ago - I felt quite lame with rheumatism, I don't want  
hang about him yet - he can't walk, and to leave him till I can take him to the  
enter with crutches it pains him so - but I don't know how it will be before I  
hold down his leg - and only sitting in  
bed a little while at a time. I am writing  
now before breakfast - I went in at six  
o'clock - I carried him some Eggs & fruit going to Amherst - I would go & talk  
with him - I will strengthen him - the fact is the fact is I feel anxious to know the  
in Hosp. is quite scanty & poor - I am proud of their efforts - if he can be well  
glad to be able to get him many letters - get a printing press here - but will have to  
comfort which he would suffer for want, wait a week or more for it - he don't seem  
of - I spend all my time with him - except in a very good condition to travel so far -  
when I come in for my meals - It is an - but I know if I had him here he would  
unpleasant place - then it was once an - I am much faster - so I shall try and  
extensive chair factory - built of bricks, & get him some as soon as possible.

I have written Mother to send some of my clothes on - he has nothing here but a shirt & drawers - and his old war worn hat.

This is a wet rainy Sabbath - I am going over soon to see father again, & his wanted neighbor Mr. Horn wishes me to write to his wife for him -

Afternoon in the Hospital - James has just been dressing his wound which is quite painful - I make him very nervous.

I am going to try & get fifteen lines as soon as I can - I know I could annoy him up there - I make him now uncomfortable -

James we are very anxious to hear from you - in these times of Indian troubles.

Write & tell us how you all are - James writes with me in sending love to all - I shall probably stay here a week longer.

Ever more truly, & pencil,  
your aff. sister

Emily